GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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WORLD BANK AID TO BIHAR FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has soughtfinancial assistance from the World Bank for developmentof primary education in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have forwardedthis proposal to the World Bank;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (e) Government of Bihar recently has not sought financial assistance from World Bankfor development of primary education in the State.

However, under the on going District Primary Education Phase III, signed on 23.2.1998 for aramount of US$ 152 million, World Bank assistance is being received for 11 districts of Bihar and 6 districts of Jharkhand. This project is scheduled to close on 30.9.2003. An extension of the project upto 2005 has been sought from the World Bank.